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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION

VERNON MAXWELL, et al.,) CASE NO.: CV 11-8394 R (MANx)
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Plaintiffs,) (Removed from Los Angeles County
) Superior Court–Case No. BC465842)
vs.)
) Assigned to: Hon. Manuel L. Real
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, et) Department: 8
al.,)
Defendants.) NOTICE OF CONSENT TO AND
) JOINDER IN REMOVAL TO THE
) UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
) FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
) CALIFORNIA UNDER 28 U.S.C.
) SECTION 1441
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) Action Filed: July 19, 2011
) Trial Date: None

1 TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
2 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

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4 Defendants RIDDELL, INC. (erroneously styled as "d/b/a Riddell
5 Sports Group, Inc."), ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORPORATION,
6 RIDDELL SPORTS GROUP, INC., EASTON-BELL SPORTS, INC.,
7 EASTON-BELL SPORTS, LLC, EB SPORTS CORP., and RBG
8 HOLDINGS CORP. (collectively, the "Riddell Defendants")¹ consent to and
9 join in the removal of Case No. BC465842 (the "State Action") from the Los
10 Angeles County Superior Court to the United States District Court for the
11 Central District of California, Western Division, by Co-Defendants National
12 Football League and NFL Properties LLC (collectively, the "NFL
13 Defendants"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1441, and supplemental
14 jurisdiction, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367(a), and state as follows:

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16 1. The NFL Defendants have removed this case, pursuant to 28
17 U.S.C. § 1441(a)-(b), based on federal-question jurisdiction, specifically,
18 their assertion that § 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act ("LMRA"),
19 29 U.S.C. § 185, controls and preempts Plaintiffs' claims against the NFL
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26 ¹ Referring to these Defendants collectively does not imply or concede that
27 they are properly joined or named as Defendants, and the "Riddell
28 Defendants" reserve the right to move to dismiss some or all of them. The
collective reference is merely for convenience.

1 Defendants. (See *generally* NFL Defs.' Notice of Removal.) The NFL
2 Defendants further assert that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), this Court
3 has supplemental jurisdiction over all Plaintiffs' claims and all parties,
4 including the Riddell Defendants. (NFL Defs.' Notice of Removal, ¶ 7.)
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7 2. The Riddell Defendants join in and consent to this removal.

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9 3. The Riddell Defendants do not waive any defenses that may be
10 available to them, including without limitation defenses based on
11 jurisdiction, venue, standing, or failure to state viable claims. The Riddell
12 Defendants also do not admit any of the factual allegations in the
13 Complaint, but rather reserve the right to contest those allegations at the
14 appropriate time. The Riddell Defendants further reserve the right to
15 assert any proper basis to make any arguments and maintain any positions
16 regarding the continued exercise of and additional bases for federal
17 jurisdiction over any or all of this matter, once removed.
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1 WHEREFORE, the "Riddell Defendants"—Riddell, Inc., All American
2 Sports Corporation, Riddell Sports Group, Inc., Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.,
3 Easton-Bell Sports, LLC, EB Sports Corp., and RBG Holdings Corp.—join
4 in and consent to the removal of this action to this Court and to the request
5 that this Court assume jurisdiction over this entire matter.
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9 DATED: October 14, 2011

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12 By /s/ Paul G. Cereghini

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24 HOLDINGS CORP.
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 879 West 190th Street, Suite 700, Gardena, CA 90248-4227.

I hereby certify that on **October 14, 2011**, I served the document: **NOTICE OF CONSENT TO AND JOINDER IN REMOVAL TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA UNDER 28 U.S.C. SECTION 1441** on all interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

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